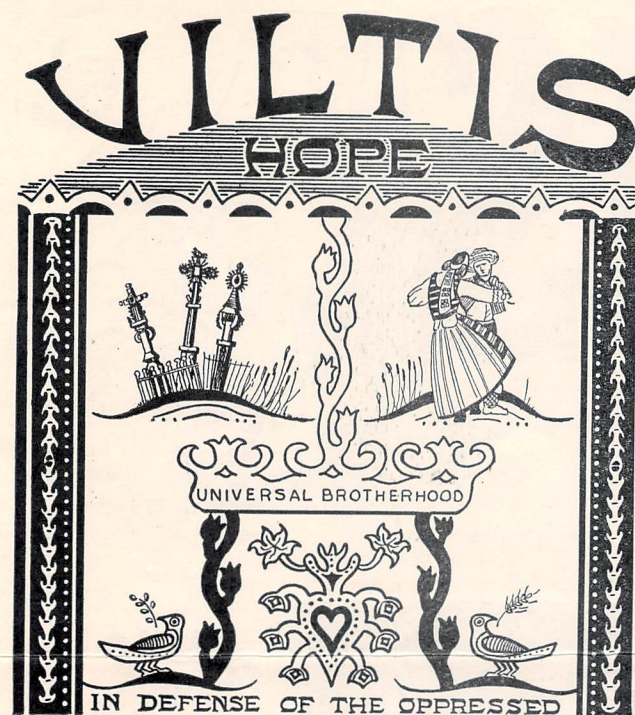




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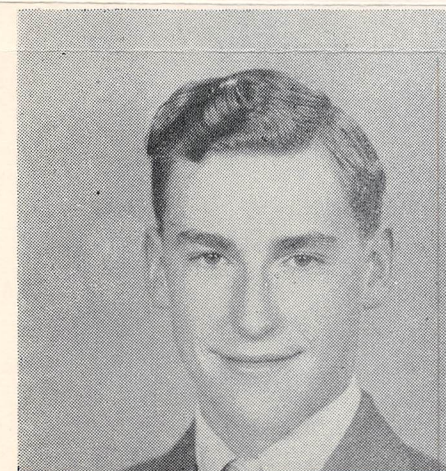
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NEW LITH FOLK DANCE GROUPS

San Francisco. — In California, a Lithuanian folk dance group was organized by Miss Julia Liesis, a recent arrival from German DP camps. Miss Liesis was born in China and reared in Lithuania. She arrived in the United States last autumn and after a brief stay in Chicago, settled in San Francisco where she became active among the Californian Lithuanians.

The first purely Lithuanian folk dance group in the United States was organized by V. F. Beliajus in 1932 when he organized the Lithuanian Youth Society which existed until the outbreak of the war when all its young men were drafted into the armed forces. At that time existed a group sponsored by a Lith. weekly and tutored by a Russian who danced Russo-Ukrainian dances or Russian dances set to Lithuanian music and who wore Slavic costumes passing them as Lithuanian. At present there are three well organized folk dance groups: Mrs. Ivaška's in Boston, Mass., Stilson's in New York, and the ATEITIS in Chicago. Toronto, Canada, has a group composed of girls only and under the direction of Miss Jean Yokubynas. Boys are expected to be added in the near future. Washington, D. C., is organizing a group under Miss Genevieve Patkavage, Miss Rose Rutkoski is organizing a folk dance group in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. The various academies and schools sponsored by the Sisters of St. Kazimir also have Lithuanian folk dance groups. The more the merrier.

MSGR. J. MACIEJAUSKAS DIED

On May 14, 1947, died the Right Rev. Monsignor Julius Maciejuskas, pastor and founder of St. Casimir's Church in Los Angeles, Calif.

Poet, prest and patriot, Monsignor Maciejuskas, 79, has been in Los Angeles since 1940 when he came here from Europe under orders.

He established St. Casimir's Church with the permission of Archbishop John J. Cantwell and has since helped it grow in number and in influence.

Father Maciejuskas was twice decorated by Pope Pius XI and was Lithuanian delegate to the Eucharistic Congress in Chicago in 1926 and Dublin in 1932. He had been a priest for 55 years.



The late Msgr. J. Maciejuskas, taken in the yards of St. Kazimir's parish, which he established in Los Angeles. To his right is VYTAUTAS RAMANAUSKAS, one of the early VILTITES with the Sea Bees, who now lives in Lowell, Mass.